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SUBJECT: KAL AIRCRAFT: COOPERATION APPRECIATED

1. FROM THE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND MANY OTHER RANKING FIGURES IN THE ROKG WE HAVE RECEIVED EXPRESSIONS OF DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE RAPID MANNER IN WHICH ALL ELEMENTS OF THE USG REACTED TO ASSIST IN THE KAL AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. LOCAL PRESS HAS ALSO FULLY COVERED U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MATTER, NOTING INTER ALIA THAT WITHOUT U.S. SUPPORT THE MATTER WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

2. WHAT HAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED ALL LEVELS OF KOREAN SOCIETY IS THAT THE U.S., WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FORMAL REQUEST, MOVED EFFECTIVELY TO ASSIST THE ROKG. NOT ONLY DID USG TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN THE RECOVERY OPERATION, BUT IT CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR THE RETURN OF KOREAN PILOT AND NAVIGAOTR STILL BEING HELD. COMING AS IT DID AT A TIME WHEN U.S.-ROK RELATIONS WERE UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRAIN, THIS EFFORT HAS DONE MUCH TO
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CONVINCE CONCERNED KOREANS THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS MORE THAN JUST WORDS AND THAT FRIENDS MOVE QUICKLY WHEN TROUBLE OCCURS. WE WILL STILL HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE REMAINING MATTERS IN THIS CASE AND OTHER ISSUES ARE YET TO BE SETTLED, YET THE IMPACT OF OUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE OUR FUTURE TASKS EASIER.

3. EMBASSY SEOUL WISHES TO EXTEND ITS APPRECIATION TO
ALL OF YOUR WHO PUT IN LONG HOURS OF HARD WORK IN A
HUMANITARIAN AND MUCH APPRECIATED EFFORT. WELL DONE*
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